

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

## Truth.

Be true in everything you do,  
Be true in all you say;  
Seek simple truth: add nought  
thereto,  
And, too, take nought away.  
Seek not to hide the truth from  
sight  
'Tis easy to deceive;  
Yet one untruth, however slight,  
A giant web may weave.  
Prevarication is a sin  
That thrives in every heart,  
Unless we strive the day to win  
And make the foe depart.  
May we be true as in God's sight,  
Honest in everything;  
True ever to our sense of right,  
True to our God and King!

—SEL.

DEAR EDITOR: As I have not written a letter for a long time, I will try and write one to-day. I went to school all winter, but this week I am staying with aunt Katie Hersberger. We are tending the meetings and are visiting, we were made to rejoice over the good meetings we had. Brother Josiah Keim preached on Sunday and extended the invitation and there were six who came out on the Lord's side. Our church is prospering very much. On Tuesday, when they came to baptize the six, there was one more ready for baptism, that makes seven. Many more are counting the cost. We had such a glorious meeting, when brother McFaden was here. Some twenty joined, and I was one among them. I love Jesus and I desire to make heaven my home. I saw something that looked like brother Mc.; if it was a picture, it did me much good and made me think of the good times we had when he was here.

I will just say right here, that Jesse Calvert, a German Baptist preacher, preached at the center for quite a while but couldn't raise any interest at all. We were to Louisville last night to prayer meeting, and truly the turn out was very great. Nearly all those that were baptized on Tuesday were there and took part. It was very cheerful to me, and two more stood up and asked an interest in the prayers of the brethren and sisters.

If I have made any mistakes in writing and spelling I hope you will excuse me, for this is the first letter I wrote for the EVANGELIST. I will now inclose 10 cents for the Missionary Fund. I hope all the little girls will try and do something for the cause.

Yours Truly,  
SALLIE BAUM,  
Louisville, O.

DEAR EDITOR: I will write a few lines for the EVANGELIST, for the little boys and girls. My papa and mamma are out to Hancock Co, Ohio, on a visit and I would like to see them. I suppose you little boys and girls all had a happy time on Christmas. Santa Claus was here and brought me lots of presents. He brought me a nice sled, lots of candy and other things. I have a sister three years old and I hauled her on my sled.

I will quit for this time, hoping to see you, my first letter, in print.

ALVA LEEDY.  
Ankneftown, O.

DEAR EDITOR: I am eight years old. I like to read those letters written by our young folks. We are now in Indiana, Mamma, Carley and I. Came out here about two weeks ago. We like it very well. I am at John Dubbs this week. Pa will be here by Friday. Rev. Rittgers preached in Milford Saturday and Sunday evening. They all seem to be well pleased with his preaching. I will send five cents for the Missionary Fund.

Good by.  
ESSIE MALLOTT.  
Milford, Ind., Jan. 19, 1886.

DEAR EDITOR: As I have not written for a long while, I thought I would write this evening. I was at school to-day. I will have to be examined on Thursday. I am always glad when examination comes.

It will soon be New Year—the year of 1886 was short to me. Christmas is past and gone and I wonder how many will live to see another Christmas. I will ask the little girls and boys to take up their pens and write for the children's column. I wonder where Nathan Hardman has got to, that he don't write for the pa-

per any more. We do not have any meeting here of the Brethren Church, and we like to hear a minister once in a great while. We have forty six scholars in our school.

There is prayer meeting down at the church today. We have nice flowers this winter. There hasn't any of them frozen yet, and I am glad that they haven't for I love to see nice flowers. I got an Autograph Album for my Christmas gift, and I think lots of it too.

Rev. Myers will preach here on Sunday at the Newlight church. They have had their revival but they did not get any joiners. They are getting a good many at Millville, at the same church. I will have to stop for this time hoping to hear from the little girls and boys soon, I guess I'll write a verse:

Some friends may wish you free from care,  
Others joy and wealth.

Some may wish you blessings rare,  
Long life and perfect health.

But my wish for thee is better far  
Than all the rest have given,

That when you from this world depart  
Your soul may rest in heaven.

NELLIE CLARK.  
Mooreland, Ind., Dec. 30, 1885.

DEAR EDITOR: I wish to send ten cents to the Missionary Fund, and so I will write a little letter for the EVANGELIST. I am eight years old. I live with my grand-pa and grand-ma. My mamma died when I was two and a half years old. I have a little brother whose name is Bertie. He lives with our other grand-pa and grand-ma in Canton, Ohio. I go to school to Miss Clara Chamberlin. Last winter I went to uncle James Tombaugh, who is now preaching at Fairview, Ohio. Washington, C. H. I wish the Missionary Fund success.

NETTIE TOMBAUGH.  
Odell, Pa.

Ah, my little folks, you are doing better than the older ones now. Here are five nice letters which our young readers have written, and written well too. You have taken up a good deal of room this time and when we get the letter in from your friend in Columbus, there is not very much space left for me. I will just thank you for the many little favors, invite you to continue on and, hope you will soon crowd me out altogether.

Next week we will publish a whole pile of letters from little sisters of Johnstown, Pa. Good by.

YOUR EDITOR.

## "God Give; I Give."

A gentleman went to see a family that were very, very poor. He sent them wood and food, and what was as good, he showed them his pleasant face.

"This is booful!" cried the little boy, warming his cold hands by the stove.

"Are you a man comed from God?" asked the child.

"Yes," he said, "God sent me."

"And when you go back, tell him I se so glad. Tell him thanks ever so many times.

"Now I se warm, I think of Pete and Lizzie," continued he. "Maybe I se take them some of my wood God guv us."

"Maybe not!" said his father, gruffly.

"Daddy," said the child, "God give; I give. God good I be like him. So!"

The child had been a few times to a mission Sabbath School, and there a few little

seeds of divine truth dropped into his heart.

I wonder if we, according to our light, are up to this little child?

S. S. VISITOR.

Life is, at best, but a question of opportunity.

Charity is a virtue of all times and all places.

Ridicule dishonors more than dishonor itself.

It costs more to avenge wrongs than to bear them.

We owe a large part of our happiness to our mistakes.

In the world there are so few voices and so many echoes.

Desperation is sometimes as powerful inspirer as a genius.

One day is worth three hundred to him who does everything in order.

Moral courage is the rarest of all qualities and often maligned.

Men with missions do not appear till they have fulfilled them.

## Wonderful.

From the Pittsburgh Dispatch, Sept. 25th, 1880.

"Very seldom do we read of an actual case of recovery, where hope had altogether been lost, to parallel that which was Monday investigated by a Dispatch reporter, who had heard in various quarters persons talking to their friends of a cure, seemingly little short of marvelous, that had been performed. The plain facts in the case referred to, without exaggeration, are these, as they were learned from the mother of the young man, his pastor and other persons well known in the community:

"William Lincoln Curtis is the name of the young man in question. He is now employed at H. K. Porter & Co.'s locomotive works in Pittsburgh, Pa. A year ago he resided with his mother on Grant street. About that time he went to bed one evening with a violent pain in his shoulder, the result, he thought, of a cold. The next morning the shoulder was greatly swollen, the pain was intense, and aches were felt all through his system. His case was speedily developed into a violent form of chronic rheumatism, among the first notable features of which was the paralysis of his left arm.

"He gradually grew worse, and in a few months the elbow and knee joints and both ankles became enormously enlarged. In March last the cheek bones began to enlarge, and upon his left side particularly, spreading his face out of all resemblance to his former self. The pain in all his joints became intense; fever, with its deteriorating effects, was now added, and he became rapidly reduced to the semblance of a skeleton, while vitality reached its lowest possible condition, and his sufferings were of such an indelible character that those who most loved him sometimes thought it would be better if he was called away. At this time physicians well known in Pittsburgh informed his parents that they could give no hopes of recovery.

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